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SUBJECT: FURTHER MOVES IN ERRO CASE

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1. PUBLIC ATTENTION IN ERRO CASE NOW CENTERED ON EFFORTS TO MOVE IMPEACHMENT ACTION AGAINST HIM IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. PRO- BORDABERRY ADMINISTRATION CONGRESSMEN ATTEMPTING TO SECURE SUFFICIENT CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR CONVENING OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DEPUTIES TOMORROW (MAY 22) TO HEAR CHARGES AGAINST ERRO.

2. ALTHOUGH IMMEDIATE TENSION HAS EASED, POTENTIAL FOR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN EXECUTIVE/ MILITARY AND CONGRESS REMAINS. A LEADING BLANCO SENATOR WHO IS CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT TOLD ME IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE TODAY (MAY 21) THAT HE WAS ENDEAVORING TO PROMOTE A SECRET MEETING BETWEEN MILITARY CHIEFS AND PRO- ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TO SEEK SOME WAY OF AVOIDING RECURRENCE OF LAST WEEK' S CONFRONTATION. HE BELIEVES

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WHICH WILL PERMIT THE TWO POWERS TO WORK TOGETHER WITHOUT CONTINUAL FRICTION AND CONFLICT. HE TOLD ME HE WAS USING MINISTER OF INTERIOR BOLENTINI AS HIS CHANNEL TO MILITARY CHIEFS.

3. THUS FAR, MILITARY REACTION TO SENATE'S ACTION IN "DECLINING COMPETENCE" IN ERRO CASE REMAINS RESTRAINED. DAO EXPECTS TO HAVE MORE COMPLETE READING ON MILITARY'S VIEWS SHORTLY.
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